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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shigetoshi WAKAYAMA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2814**

Serial Number: **10/777,189**

Examiner: **Hoai V. Pham**

Filed: **February 13, 2004**

Confirmation No.: **8258**

For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A GUARD RING**

Attorney Docket Number: **042107**  
Customer Number: **38834**

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 3, 2006

Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species dated February 7, 2006, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute **Embodiment I, of Figure 3**, without traverse. It is believed that **claims 1-4 and 6-15** read on the elected species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Response to Election of Species Requirement

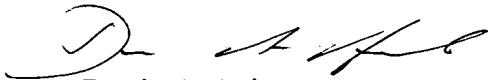
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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